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SUBJ: JOINT WORKING GROUP MEDCOOP/AGENDA

REF A) STATE 139082, B) CAIRO 9078,

1. DR MINER, NAMRUE-3, AND SCIATT DISCUSSED SUGGESTED AGENDA (REFTEL) WITH MIN BADRAN AND GOE DEL JULY 6. MOH PREPARED TO DISCUSS ALL ITEMS SUGGESTED, HOWEVER MIN WOULD PREFER IF DISCUSSION OF ITEMS I, 5. "MOH PANEL REVIEW PROCEDURE FOR PROPOSALS" AND VD. "ROLE OF BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE WITH RESPECT TO RESEARCH APPROVALS" BE LIMITED TO EXPLANATION OF PROCEDURES AND CONSTRAINTS OF USG AND GOE.

2. MIN WOULD PREFER TO AVOID DIRECT PLENARY DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC APPLICATION OF HEALTH AGREEMENT TO PARTICULAR SITUATIONS, E.G., WHETHER AGREEMENT REQUIRES USG AGENCIES TO GET PRIOR MOH CONCURRENCE IN ALL INSTANCES BEFORE DEVELOPING ANY MEDICAL RESEARCH PROJECT WITH ANY EGYPTIAN INSTITUTION. HE DESCRIBED THIS MATTER AS "DELICATE" FYI: MIN'S VIEW WAS STATED AFTER DR GOMAN COMMENTED THAT SOME USG HEALTH AGENCIES WERE NEGOTIATING PL480 PROJECTS WITH UNIVERSITIES WITHOUT PRIOR MOH APPROVAL OR CONTRACT; IN GOMAA'S VIEW CONTRARY TO AGREEMENT. MIN THEN SAID HE WANTED TO AVOID CONTROL.

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VERSY IN MTG AND WOULD PREFER TO HAVE EXPLANATION OF PRACTICES OF BOTH SIDES RATHER THAN FULL DISCUSSION OF AGREEMENTS APPLICABILITY END FYI.

3. SPECIFIC COMMENT ON OTHER AGENDA ITEMS (KEYED TO REF A SECTIONS) FOLLOWS:

(2) SEMI ANNUAL REPORTS - MOH AGREES

(3) ADMIN SUPPORT - MIN SAYD AID PROMISED SUPPORT FOR A UNIFIED JWG SECRETARIAT. HE HOPES TO HAVE PM OK FOR THIS SOON (SEE REF B).

(4) CIP - WHAT FLEXIBILITY IS LEFT FOR NEW REQUESTS OR REPROGRAMMING IN THIS YEAR'S ALLOCATION; WHAT LEVELS WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT YEAR? ALSO STATUS OF RECOMMENDED MODULAR UNITS FOR EMS PROGRAM.

(5) MOH PANEL REVIEW PROC - PANEL IS TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATION AND ALLOCATE PRIORITIES AMONG INSTITUTIONS NOT STIFFLE RESEARCH OR SHIFT AUTHORITY TO MOH. MOH WILLING TO DISCUSS WAYS TO GET INCREASED USG INPUT INTO REVIEW PROCESS. FYI - MIN COMMENTED THAT IN HIS VIEW PL 480 HEALTHRESEARCH AS A WHOLE DOES NOT ADD SUFFICIENTLY TO EGYPTIAN INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES OR ADDRESS ENOUGH PRIORITY PROBLEMS; ADDING THAT 50 NEW BEDS AT NAMRU AT A COST OF APPROX \$100,000 HAD DONE MORE FOR EGYPTIAN HEALTH CARE, RESEARCH AND INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT THAN MOST US ACTIVITIES COSTING CONSIDERABLY MORE. END FYI.

(7) FMG DISCUSSION - WOULD BE WELCOMED

(8) STATUS OF RELATED JWGTRD ACTIVITIES - OK. MIN ALSO UNCLASSIFIED

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SUGGESTED THAT SOMEONE, FAMILIAR WITH AID FUNDED MIT/CAIRO UNIV PROJECT WHICH MIGHT BE HEALTH RELATED, E.G. NUTRITION. HE SUGGESTED PROF FRED MOAVENZADEH OF MIT.

(9) NUMERICAL PROJECTIONS OF EGYPTIAN TRAINING NEEDS - MOH AGREES TO NEED, AND WANTS TO DEVELOP PROCEDURE FOR COORDINATED APPROACH SOMMON TO ALL SUBCOMMITTEES.

(C) NEW PROPOSAL - EVALUATION OF SECONDARY NURSE TRAINING - MOH (DR LABIB IBRAHIM) INQUIRED RE STATUS OF GOE PROPOSAL FOR SHORT TERM (ONE YEAR) PROGRAM.

(II) HEALTH MANPOWER - MED ED TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS NOT YET RECD BY MOH.

(IV) - ENIRONMENTAL HEALTH - MOH CONSIDERS THIS A PRIORITY AREA. MIN SAID THAT THREE PEOPLE DIED LAST WEEK IN MANSOURA FROM EFFECTS OF PESTICIDES. MOH WOULD LIKE RESIDENT US ADVISOR FOR ONE YEAR PERIOD.

4. MOH DEL WOULD LIKE MTG SCHEDULE AND ARRANGEMENTS ASAP.

SUGGEST BRIEFING MATERIAL BE PROVIDED THEM ON ARRIVAL OR IN
HOTEL ROOMS. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE KNOWING WHO US CHAIRMAN
WILL BE. ARRIVAL TIMES SENT SEPTTEL.
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